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CORRECTION: THAT'S DAMON STUEBNER

In our rush to print last week, we gave our photographer's name as Damon Stubner. His last name should be spelled **Stuebner**. *Friday Bulletin* regrets the error.

ARCHIVES FLOOD UPDATE AND WEB PAGE

Flood recovery work continues at the Alaska State Archives, which remains closed until further notice and at the Alaska State Library, which will reopen on Monday, August 31st. The Library will continue to process damaged materials in its Information Services section and so part of the space will remain off limits to the public. But other library services will be restored.

At this point in time all damaged materials have been identified and a number of damaged boxes were put into frozen storage to suspend further water damage. These boxes will be retrieved and treated in batches until all the boxes have been evaluated, dried and returned to the State Archives. An article describing our progress through August 26th was published in the Juneau Empire in an article titled, "Quick action, luck save waterlogged archives." The article can be read at http://juneauempire.com/stories/082709/loc_486592194.shtml.

The Alaska State Archives worked with division webmaster Mendi Antisdal to create a web page to document flood and recovery efforts. The page is available at http://www.archives.state.ak.us/archives_flood.html. It includes links to photos and selected media articles mentioning the Archives flood.

Questions about continuing recovery efforts should be directed to State Archivist Glenn Cook, email glenn.cook@alaska.gov or phone 907-465-2275.

1968 KENNEDY SITKA VIDEO VIEWED NATIONWIDE

The Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums joins the nation in offering its condolences to the people of Massachusetts and to the Kennedy family on the occasion of the death of Senator Ted Kennedy this week.

Last January the Alaska State Library Historical Collections discovered a 1968 speech by Senator Kennedy to the Alaska Democratic Party convention held in Sitka that year. A note on the original video tape case simply read "Ted Kennedy Sitka" without any further information. The video was digitized and placed on the Alaska Digital Archives (<http://vilda.alaska.edu>). The speech is believed to have been delivered about a week or two after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. You may see the speech for yourself at http://vilda.alaska.edu/cdm4/item_viewer.php?CISOROOT=/cdmg21&CISOPTR=10053&REC=10. The video is also available on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCEDC-V7-Jg>. This video has received national attention, as can be shown by doing a Google search on: "alaska state library" kennedy sitka.

If your organization or local media outlet would like a high resolution copy of this video, please contact Damon Stuebner at damon.stuebner@alaska.gov.

If your library, archives or museum has some historical media recordings you would like to highlight, please e-mail us and we'll highlight them in the *Friday Bulletin*.

VIEWER REACTIONS SOLICITED FOR EYE OF THE BEHOLDER EXHIBIT AT UAA

The Archives at the UAA Consortium Library is holding its second Eye of the Beholder Exhibit. For this event, the Archives posts an image from its collections, then invites comments and feedback from the viewers. These submissions are then paired with the image to create an actual exhibit. To read more about it and possibly post a comment about the haunting image selected for this year, please read archivist Arlene Schmuland's blog entry: <http://www.consortiumlibrary.org/blogs/archives/2009/08/18/> (Taken from posting by Arlene Schmuland via Patience Frederiksen)

IMLS CALLS FOR 2010 MUSEUMS FOR AMERICA GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is accepting applications to its largest museum grant program, Museums for America (MFA), for fiscal year 2010. Museums for America grants provide up to \$150,000 in funding and support projects that strengthen a museum's capacity to serve its community.

Museums for America grants are awarded in the following areas:

1. Engaging Communities (Education, Exhibition, and Interpretation) 2. Building Institutional Capacity (Management, Policy and Training) 3. Collections Stewardship (Management of Collections)

Through these broad categories, IMLS supports the full range of museum activities including digitization of collections, staff training, research, exhibitions, educational

programs, community partnerships, collections management, and other similar activities. MFA grants are available to museums of all types and sizes located in the United States or its territories. Applicants are required to demonstrate that proposed grant activities are clearly linked to the institution's strategic plan and enhance the museum's ties and value to its community.

IMLS has scheduled two audio conference calls to give prospective applicants an opportunity to ask IMLS staff questions about the Museums for America grant program. The calls will be held on the following dates and times:

Thursday, September 17 at 3:00pm ET
Call-in Number: (800) 603-9527
Conference ID: 27057606

Thursday, October 1 at 3:00pm ET
Call-in Number: (800) 603-9527
Conference ID: 27060256

Application guidelines and instructions are available at <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/forAmerica.shtm>. Please direct any questions about the MFA program to Sandra Narva, Senior Program Officer, 202-653-4634, snarva@imls.gov or Steve Schwartzman, Senior Program Officer, 202-653-4641, sschwartzman@imls.gov.

AKSOURCELINK LINKS INFO SOURCES TO SMALL BUSINESSES

If your library or other cultural institution provides services to business owners, you may wish to consider becoming involved with AKSourceLink (<http://www.alaskasourcelink.com/>), a new initiative being funded by the Denali Commission. Here is a description of their aspirations from their web site:

Launched in July 2009, AKSourceLink is a community referral network that links small and emerging business owners in Alaska to local resource partners who offer services that help small businesses grow and prosper.

The AKSourceLink network consists of nonprofit organizations, university programs, and government agencies that provide resources to promote the success of small businesses in Alaska. Resource partners include economic development organizations, educators, technical assistance providers, state and federal programs, networking groups, loan providers...and more.

The role of AKSourceLink is to connect entrepreneurs and small business owners to the resources they need when they need them. We do not offer business counseling or educational services directly to the entrepreneur but if you call our toll-free number (888-554-6525) during regular business hours our trained Network Navigators will connect you to the appropriate service provider. Our referral services are free of charge.

The AKSourceLink website also provides links to articles and information of interest to the entrepreneur and business owner, and maintains a statewide calendar of business-related events.

To learn more about how to use the website, visit
<http://www.alaskasourcelink.com/introduction/>.

For background information on AKSourceLink, including a list of their founding partners, visit their "About Us" link at http://www.alaskasourcelink.com/about_us/. (Hat tip to Rich Greenfield for this item.)

TWO SCOOPS OF SH-SH-SH-SHERBET, PLEASE.

The Guardian newspaper in Britain reported that "Ben & Jerry's is considering launching a library-themed ice-cream flavor, after a campaign by a New Jersey librarian gathered thousands of supporters."

Andy Woodworth "already has more than 4,400 people signed up to a Facebook group supporting his plan, which he hopes will raise awareness of libraries 'in the face of stagnant or slashed state, county, and municipal budgets,'" according to the Guardian.
<http://news.shelf-awareness.com/ct.jsp?uz3632792Biz8465144>.

Suggestions thus far include Gooley Decimal System, Cookie Bookie, Li-Berry Pie and Rocky Read. Said Arnold Carbone of Ben & Jerry's: "From Cherry Garcia to Bohemian Raspberry, some of our best-loved flavours have been fan suggestions. We've honoured rock'n'roll icons, so why not librarians?" His suggestion? Malt Whitman. (Submitted by Laura Baldwin, Anchorage Public Library)

DO YOU WANT FRIES WITH THAT TOME?

Alaskan cultural institution fan Sarah Barton sent us a story on a controversial library café? How can a library café be controversial? When it is for the reborn Library of Alexandria and McDonald's is rumored to be involved. For details, please see the 8/26/2009 UK *Guardian* article *Alexandria's new library shelving scholarship for profit, say critics: With six food stores opening inside Egypt's Bibliotheca Alexandrina, campaigners fear consumerism is taking priority*, available at
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2009/aug/26/alexandria-library-food-bibliotheca>.

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